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RAJYA SABHA

@ Rs. 0.50 lakhs and furniture @ Rs. 0.50 lakhs; interest free loan @ Rs. 1-2 lakhs per person; compensation for loss of income from agriculture upto Rs. 1.50 lakhs per family; interest free loan of Rs. 1.50 lakhs per family for investment in agricultural operations and sustenance of Rs. 2,000 per month for one year.

The Government of J&K has been asked to initiate steps for persuading migrant families belonging to Srinagar to accept the rehabilitation plan for their rehabilitation in more secure localities of Srinagar city in the first phase.

(c) Targetted attacks by the Militants against innocent civilians including the members of the Kashmiri Pandit Community forced a vast majority of Kashmiri Pandits to flee the Valley.

(d) The Government has already been adopting a comprehensive approach to curb terrorism and check infiltration in J&K which includes, *inter-alia*, strengthening the border management, appropriate security actions in the hinterland, gearing up the intelligence machinery, providing protection for vital installations as well as for remote, scattered and minority populations, improved technology weapons, equipment for security forces, greater functional integration through a framework of Operation Groups and Intelligence Groups at the UHQ and lower levels, etc.

Demand to ban Bajrang Dal and SIMI

1099. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is country-wide demand to ban Bajrang Dal, Student Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) and other like minded fundamentalist outfits all over the country;

(b) whether the Madhya Pradesh State Government had denied permission to hold conventions by these two organisations; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Some State Governments have suggested the Central Government to consider banning Students

Islamic Movement of India (SIMI). The Government of Madhya Pradesh has suggested banning Bajrang Dal also. The Government of Tamil Nadu has also suggested to ban Al-Umma and All India Jihad Committee on all India basis, which have already been banned by that State Government.

The Government of Madhya Pradesh had not permitted to hold conventions to Bajrang Dal and Students Islamic Movement of India in the interest of maintaining communal peace and harmony.

Public Order and Police appear at Entry No. 1 and 2 of List II- State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. Hence, it is the primary responsibility of the State Governments to maintain Public Order and Peace including registration, investigation of crime and compiling of data relating to communal incidents. The Government of India shares intelligence and send advisories/alert messages to the States/UTs from time to time and Central Para-Military Forces are made available to them on specific request. A special force called the Rapid Action Force is deployed to deal exclusively with the communal tensions. Assistance is also being provided to State Governments for modernization of their policing infrastructure.

The activities of all organizations having a bearing on maintenance of communal harmony in the country are under constant watch of law enforcement agencies and requisite legal action is taken, where necessary.

Lack of equipments with Delhi bomb Disposal squad

1100. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Police bomb disposal squad lacks basic equipment and incentives;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to equip the squad properly for the job?